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Strengthening the coordination of the mechanisms on the Commission for Science and Technology for Development: promoting complementarity of activities in the area of new and innovative technologies within the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 54/201 of 22 December 1999,

Recalling the Ministerial declaration on development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy, adopted by the Economic and Social Council during the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2000,¹

Also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/29 of 28 July 2000, on the information and communication technologies task force,

Recognizing the role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in coordinating the activities of the United Nations system in the area of science and technology for development and emphasizing the importance of the activities that are to be pursued within the framework of the Commission, including a broad spectrum of new global challenges in science and technology, and encouraging support for those undertakings,

Cognizant of the role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as the secretariat responsible for the substantive servicing of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

¹ See A/55/3, chap. III.



Recalling the Plan of Action adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its tenth session, held at Bangkok from 12 to 19 February 2000, which noted the growing technology gap between developed and developing countries, and stressing the need to narrow that gap by promoting greater access, transfer and diffusion of technology to developing countries,

Bearing in mind the cross-cutting nature of science and technology within the United Nations system and the need, inter alia, for effective policy guidance and better coordination,

Noting that the theme of the coordination segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council of 2001 will be "The role of the United Nations in promoting development particularly with respect to access to and transfer of knowledge and technology, especially information and communication technologies, inter alia, through partnerships with relevant stakeholders, including the private sector",

Recalling that the next biennial session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held in 2001,

Recognizing the need for adequate resources, including the provision of new and additional resources from all sources, to be devoted to fostering science and technology for development,

Also recognizing the need for strengthening the role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on proposals for strengthening the coordination of the mechanisms on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development with the objective of promoting complementarity of activities within the United Nations system;²

2. *Welcomes* the recommendations regarding the establishment of a knowledge and technology for development network contained in the report of the Secretary-General;²

3. *Requests* the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to report on its biennial session, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session, in particular regarding proposals aimed at promoting complementarity of activities in the area of new and innovative technologies within the United Nations system;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to substantially strengthen the Commission and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, by providing them with identifiable and adequate regular budget resources, in order to enable them to better carry out their mandates of assisting the developing countries with their national development efforts in the field of science and technology;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session an analytical report from the Economic and Social Council containing concrete proposals for strengthening the critical role of the Commission in coordinating the activities of the United Nations system in support of the efforts

² A/55/96-E/2000/84.

of developing countries to obtain, effectively utilize and benefit from science and technology for their development;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session a report on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.